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Brian Baird, Ocean Program Manager  
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Dear Mr. Baird:

Seacoast Preservation Association represents over 350 ocean-front property owners in the City of Encinitas. Several members of our Board of Directors attended the Resources Agency public workshop in Encinitas on May 24, at which time the Draft Policy on Coastal Erosion was outlined and public input was solicited.

Our organization appreciates this opportunity to present its views and wishes to make the following points:

- We agree wholeheartedly with the Resources Agency's findings as to the need for long-range and coordinated planning to enhance and protect California's beaches. The sand-placement project currently underway in San Diego County, which our organization has actively supported from its inception, is one step in this program.
- Although in other areas there may be situations where relocation is possible, in the case of currently existing blufftop homes in Encinitas this is unlikely to be feasible. Most of our homes were built years ago and on relatively small lots. Further erosion of portions of the Encinitas bluffs may well continue to require the construction of properly engineered seawalls, in order to protect not only private homes from damage or loss but also the beach-going public from injury or death.

As you continue this important project, we would appreciate being informed of further meetings, planning sessions, or other workshops which may be open to the public. If, at any time, we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

*Ann Dunham*

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